



# Maryland

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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MAY 8, 2006

### Warm, Dry Conditions Continue

Dry soils are the story again this week as precipitation deficits continue to climb. Departures from normal range from -3.23 inches near Washington D.C. to as high as -9.43 inches in Patuxent River. Reporters have started to indicate that conditions are becoming too dry for planting and that germination concerns are increasing. There were **6.6 days suitable** for fieldwork. **Topsoil moisture** was rated 62 percent short or very short. **Subsoil moisture** was rated 60 percent short or very short.

**Corn** is 65 percent planted, up from 42 percent last week and 49 percent average. Corn is 22 percent emerged compared to 10 percent last week and 17 percent average. **Soybean** planting is underway with 9 percent seeded, compared to 2 percent last week and 5 percent average. Wheat is 50 percent headed and barley is 89 percent headed, both ahead of average. **Wheat** is rated 3 percent very poor, 10 percent poor, 21 percent fair, 63 percent good, and 3 percent excellent. Barley is rated 1 percent very poor, 6 percent poor, 22 percent fair, 62 percent good, and 9 percent excellent.

**Vegetable** seeding is advancing, generally ahead of normal and fruit trees are almost completely bloomed. **Hay supplies** are 30 percent short or very short and 70 percent adequate to surplus. **Pasture condition** is 1 percent very poor, 11 percent poor, 38 percent fair, 44 percent good, and 6 percent excellent.

### MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 7, 2006 (PERCENT)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2001-2005
Small Grain Development:				
Barley Headed	89	55	74	71
Winter Wheat Headed	50	25	8	24
Planting Progress:				
Corn	65	42	52	49
Lima Beans (Processed)	17	7	4	7
Potatoes	100	90	96	92
Snap Beans	20	11	7	15
Soybeans	9	2	3	5
Sweet Corn	45	25	51	46
Tomatoes	42	40	34	42
Fruit Crops Blooming:				
Apples	73	53	76	89
Peaches	93	79	76	93
Strawberries	88	57	72	81

### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 7, 2006 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	22	40	38	-
Topsoil (2005)	1	11	83	6
Five Year Average	3	11	77	8
Subsoil Moisture	17	43	40	-
Subsoil (2005)	-	3	90	7
Five Year Average	3	13	78	7

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 7, 2006

	Precipitation			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	0.00	9.58	-3.85	82	38	63	4
Easton	0.00	9.24	-3.29	83	39	61	6
Frederick	0.02	11.79	-3.81	76	32	58	5
Frostburg	0.00	7.17	-5.21	79	39	61	4
Hagerstown	0.00	8.08	-7.01	80	37	60	1
Mechanicsville	0.00	6.94	-6.51	81	50	64	5
Patuxent River	0.02	6.26	-9.43	82	39	59	-2
Ocean City	0.01	7.60	-7.63	81	33	59	-1
Salisbury	0.00	8.64	-3.89	82	35	59	4
Sharpsburg	0.00	8.51	-5.30	81	43	61	2
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.00	8.86	-3.23	82	45	66	4
Delaware							
Dover	0.00	8.83	-5.39	81	43	62	2
Georgetown	0.00	6.78	-8.24	86	41	63	6
Wilmington	0.00	10.50	-3.10	81	39	62	4

Weather Data is provided by the Agricultural Weather Information Service, Auburn, Alabama and is considered preliminary.